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The Open contract figures shown in this publication are the aggregates of positions long (or short) carried on the books of clearing members.

Tabele 1. WH AT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of Trade	: Minneapolis: Grain Exchange	: Kansas City : Board of Trade	: Other : contract markets	: Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	9,293	1,152	990	183	11,618
Saturday					
Sunday					
4	7,350	1,487	915	200	9,952
5	6,888	774	1,091	276	9,029
6	9,138	1,173	1,429	293	12,033
7	11,514	1,144	1,956	249	14,863
8	8,705	592	1,389	313	10,999
Saturday					
Sunday					
11	7,893	787	1,285	243	10,208
12	9,919	1,408	1,315	327	12,969
13	9,131	1,611	1,364	271	12,377
14	10,185	2,015	1,468	271	13,939
15	8,508	1,538	1,971	145	12,162
Saturday					
Sunday					
18	6,817	1,187	1,491	171	9,666
19	8,335	1,855	1,736	230	12,156
20	20,067	1,718	2,177	281	24,243
21	7,319	1,224	1,174	227	9,944
22	11,555	1,690	1,862	212	15,319
Saturday					
Sunday					
25	10,878	1,626	1,496	158	14,158
26	11,639	1,065	1,609	241	14,554
27	12,213	1,694	1,724	301	15,932
28	11,750	1,176	1,412	258	14,596
29	16,449	1,511	2,090	307	20,357
Holiday					
Sunday					
Total					
May 1953	215,546	28,427	31,944	5,157	281,074
April 1953	192,034	29,555	32,871	4,781	259,241
May 1952	205,121	38,931	35,477	6,191	285,720

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	2,401	4,320	1,098	1,312	162	9,293
Saturday						
Sunday						
4	1,311	3,185	1,606	1,044	204	7,350
5	1,530	3,348	830	951	229	6,888
6	1,220	4,304	1,666	1,509	439	9,138
7	1,148	4,965	2,031	2,785	585	11,514
8	890	4,643	1,465	1,305	402	8,705
Saturday						
Sunday						
11	1,168	3,894	1,219	1,279	333	7,893
12	901	5,466	1,184	1,793	575	9,919
13	701	4,422	1,277	2,256	475	9,131
14	1,021	4,265	1,633	2,600	666	10,185
15	1,160	3,822	1,346	1,980	200	8,508
Saturday						
Sunday						
18	617	3,153	1,257	1,069	721	6,817
19	1,049	4,383	1,529	1,005	369	8,335
20	4,454	8,886	3,656	2,342	729	20,067
21	---	3,061	1,680	1,860	718	7,319
22	---	5,801	2,501	2,332	921	11,555
Saturday						
Sunday						
25	---	5,161	2,179	2,369	1,169	10,878
26	---	5,063	2,744	1,959	1,873	11,639
27	---	5,374	3,074	2,106	1,659	12,213
28	---	4,625	2,628	2,519	1,978	11,750
29	---	7,200	3,421	3,524	2,304	16,449
Holiday						
Sunday						
Total						
May 1953	19,571	99,341	40,024	39,899	16,711	215,546
April 1953	68,738	69,128	26,946	24,930	2,292	192,034
May 1952	29,961	96,060	29,038	47,453	2,609	205,121

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : : Grain : : Exchange :	: Kansas City : : Board of : : Trade :	: Other : : contract : : markets :	Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	49,873	6,672	11,665	379	68,589
Saturday					
Sunday					
4	49,698	6,539	11,475	384	68,096
5	49,411	6,508	11,393	328	67,640
6	48,463	6,631	11,251	306	66,651
7	47,991	6,582	11,577	321	66,471
8	47,937	6,566	11,139	383	66,025
Saturday					
Sunday					
11	47,991	6,474	10,952	373	65,790
12	49,286	6,240	11,271	388	67,185
13	49,219	6,529	11,384	379	67,511
14	48,427	6,635	11,079	401	66,542
15	47,281	6,533	10,770	411	64,995
Saturday					
Sunday					
18	46,892	6,632	10,803	416	64,743
19	46,698	6,673	10,788	412	64,571
20	47,905	6,865	10,757	402	65,929
21	47,237	7,281	11,017	417	65,952
22	47,254	7,388	11,497	397	66,536
Saturday					
Sunday					
25	47,865	7,928	11,315	413	67,521
26	49,190	7,766	11,582	413	68,951
27	50,178	8,215	11,679	438	70,510
28	51,227	8,246	11,554	455	71,482
29	51,375	8,355	11,566	460	71,756
Holiday					
Sunday					

Table 4. WHEAT: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	9,242	18,704	10,138	10,607	1,182	49,873
Saturday						
Sunday						
4	8,427	18,909	10,352	10,771	1,239	49,698
5	7,862	18,843	10,325	11,073	1,308	49,411
6	7,485	18,308	10,418	10,813	1,439	48,463
7	6,950	17,995	10,391	11,078	1,577	47,991
8	6,478	18,048	10,397	11,332	1,682	47,937
Saturday						
Sunday						
11	6,134	18,527	10,409	11,147	1,774	47,991
12	5,970	19,373	10,516	11,401	2,026	49,286
13	5,588	19,319	10,440	11,702	2,170	49,219
14	5,144	19,177	10,532	11,396	2,178	48,427
15	4,741	19,009	10,275	11,105	2,151	47,281
Saturday						
Sunday						
18	4,303	18,771	10,133	11,029	2,656	46,892
19	3,877	18,860	9,918	11,387	2,656	46,698
20	1,094	20,654	11,008	12,256	2,893	47,905
21	117	20,711	10,985	12,363	3,061	47,237
22	---	20,032	11,339	12,419	3,464	47,254
Saturday						
Sunday						
25	---	19,472	11,409	13,051	3,933	47,865
26	---	19,158	12,003	13,343	4,686	49,190
27	---	19,226	12,364	13,417	5,171	50,178
28	---	19,196	12,659	14,121	5,251	51,227
29	---	18,767	12,512	14,408	5,688	51,375
Holiday						
Sunday						

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City
May 1953

		1953 July future		
Date		Chicago	Minneapolis	Kansas City
		Board of	Grain	Board of
		Trade	Exchange	Trade
1953				
May		Cents	Cents	Cents
1		218 5/8-3/4	232 3/4	223 3/4
Saturday				
Sunday				
4		220 1/8-1/4	234 5/8 a	224 5/8
5		219 1/4-3/8	234 3/8	223 1/8
6		217 5/8-3/4	233 7/8	222 1/8
7		216-16 1/8	232 3/8	218 3/4-7/8
8		216 1/8	232	220 1/2
Saturday				
Sunday				
11		215 7/8-16	232 1/8	219 1/4
12		215 7/8-16	232 1/2 b	219 3/4
13		213 7/8-14	232 1/2	218
14		215 1/2-5/8	231 7/8-32	219 3/8-1/2
15		214 3/4	231 1/4	218 7/8-19
Saturday				
Sunday				
18		214	231	217 3/4-7/8
19		213 1/8-1/4	230 5/8	217
20		212 1/8-1/4	229	216 1/2-5/8
21		212 5/8-3/4	229 b	217 1/8
22		210 3/4-7/8	228 1/4	215 3/4-7/8
Saturday				
Sunday				
25		209 3/8-1/2	227 1/2-5/8	213 7/8-14
26		210 1/4-3/8	229 5/8	214 3/8
27		208 5/8-3/4	228 5/8	212 1/2-7/8
28		207-07 1/8	225 3/4	210 3/4-7/8
29		204 7/8-05	222 3/4-23	209-09 1/2
Holiday				
Sunday				

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
May			
1	10,497	98	10,595
Saturday			
Sunday			
4	8,210	31	8,241
5	8,225	33	8,258
6	6,681	68	6,749
7	9,851	127	9,978
8	7,886	74	7,960
Saturday			
Sunday			
11	8,963	98	9,061
12	6,129	72	6,201
13	5,746	95	5,841
14	5,645	96	5,741
15	5,386	80	5,466
Saturday			
Sunday			
18	4,576	51	4,627
19	5,594	87	5,681
20	7,581	63	7,644
21	5,166	34	5,200
22	10,659	163	10,822
Saturday			
Sunday			
25	11,153	100	11,253
26	11,679	87	11,766
27	12,707	103	12,810
28	9,341	109	9,450
29	19,325	182	19,507
Holiday			
Sunday			
Total			
May 1953	181,000	1,851	182,851
April 1953	182,115	2,482	184,597
May 1952	194,859	2,854	197,713

Table 8. CORN: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
May						
1	4,327	4,455	1,170	545		10,497
Saturday						
Sunday						
4	2,573	4,127	956	554		8,210
5	2,441	4,376	970	438		8,225
6	1,288	4,299	485	609		6,681
7	1,451	6,187	1,066	1,147		9,851
8	841	4,824	1,000	1,221		7,886
Saturday						
Sunday						
11	1,474	4,518	1,535	1,436		8,963
12	941	3,303	566	1,319		6,129
13	949	3,121	1,132	538	6	5,746
14	410	3,548	637	1,000	50	5,645
15	551	3,596	522	707	10	5,386
Saturday						
Sunday						
18	756	3,127	250	443	---	4,576
19	964	3,355	646	620	9	5,594
20	2,455	3,705	930	461	30	7,581
21	---	3,360	471	997	338	5,166
22	---	7,167	2,143	1,279	70	10,659
Saturday						
Sunday						
25	---	5,775	2,901	2,327	150	11,153
26	---	7,990	1,802	1,455	432	11,679
27	---	7,974	2,660	1,763	310	12,707
28	---	5,807	1,723	1,597	214	9,341
29	---	9,929	4,509	4,241	646	19,325
Holiday						
Sunday						
Total						
May 1953	21,421	104,543	28,074	24,697	2,265	181,000
Apr. 1953	92,038	66,334	14,905	8,838	---	182,115
May 1952	24,054	108,963	38,097	23,238	507	194,859

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
1953 May	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
1 Saturday	51,843	303	52,146
2 Sunday			
3 1	51,038	290	51,328
4 2	50,760	285	51,045
5 3	50,617	295	50,912
6 4	50,619	322	50,941
7 5	50,178	328	50,506
8 Saturday			
9 Sunday			
10 1	49,882	327	50,209
11 2	50,110	319	50,429
12 3	50,022	306	50,328
13 4	50,513	309	50,822
14 5	50,618	279	50,897
15 Saturday			
16 Sunday			
17 1	50,187	263	50,450
18 2	49,610	258	49,868
19 3	49,019	234	49,253
20 4	48,610	231	48,841
21 5	48,049	205	48,254
22 Saturday			
23 Sunday			
24 1	47,690	207	47,897
25 2	47,118	179	47,297
26 3	47,146	169	47,315
27 4	46,858	177	47,035
28 5	46,603	184	46,787
29 Holiday Sunday			

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	May	July	September	December	March		
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	7,453	31,387	8,306	4,697			51,843
Saturday							
Sunday							
4	6,114	31,709	8,441	4,774			51,038
5	5,352	32,161	8,357	4,890			50,760
6	4,573	32,350	8,535	5,159			50,617
7	3,934	32,236	8,773	5,676			50,619
8	3,585	31,929	8,819	5,845			50,178
Saturday							
Sunday							
11	3,306	31,727	8,808	6,041			49,882
12	3,018	31,674	8,929	6,489			50,110
13	2,784	31,742	9,083	6,407	6		50,022
14	2,498	32,103	9,097	6,759	56		50,513
15	2,272	32,314	9,073	6,893	66		50,618
Saturday							
Sunday							
18	1,969	32,178	9,127	6,847	66		50,187
19	1,380	32,029	9,125	7,001	75		49,610
20	627	31,995	9,279	7,013	105		49,019
21	35	31,709	9,432	6,991	443		48,610
22	---	30,838	9,551	7,147	513		48,049
Saturday							
Sunday							
25	---	30,431	9,426	7,228	605		47,690
26	---	29,766	9,438	6,911	1,003		47,118
27	---	29,525	9,525	6,863	1,233		47,146
28	---	29,349	9,679	6,527	1,303		46,858
29	---	27,933	9,835	7,272	1,563		46,603
Holiday							
Sunday							

Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953 May	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
1 Saturday	7,650	250	26	7,926
4 Sunday	7,399	314	36	7,749
5	8,032	234	23	8,289
6	6,312	404	28	6,744
7	8,934	175	84	9,193
8 Saturday	4,610	312	22	4,944
11 Sunday	5,461	239	22	5,722
12	5,651	230	19	5,900
13	5,038	210	23	5,271
14	5,776	241	23	6,040
15 Saturday	5,143	270	33	5,446
18 Sunday	3,602	212	11	3,825
19	7,421	257	59	7,737
20	12,504	270	78	12,852
21	2,587	145	6	2,738
22 Saturday	10,154	224	69	10,447
25 Sunday	11,020	386	33	11,439
26	7,777	299	51	8,127
27	7,065	195	55	7,315
28	5,097	172	32	5,301
29 Holiday Sunday	6,806	191	26	7,023
Total				
May 1953	144,039	5,230	759	150,028
Apr. 1953	168,514	8,661	1,017	178,192
May 1952	191,057	6,532	2,158	199,747

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1953 May	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1 Saturday	3,375	2,582	968	725		7,650
2 Sunday						
3 Monday	2,133	2,938	1,147	1,181		7,399
4 Tuesday	2,999	3,128	1,184	721		8,032
5 Wednesday	2,450	2,738	523	601		6,312
6 Thursday	2,779	4,133	1,021	1,001		8,934
7 Friday	1,498	2,102	512	498		4,610
8 Saturday						
9 Sunday						
10 Monday	1,028	2,657	1,002	774		5,461
11 Tuesday	1,232	1,859	1,280	1,280		5,651
12 Wednesday	1,078	1,549	1,200	1,211		5,038
13 Thursday	954	2,119	878	1,825		5,776
14 Friday	708	1,860	792	1,783		5,143
15 Saturday						
16 Sunday						
17 Monday	1,301	1,222	815	264		3,602
18 Tuesday	2,289	2,122	1,462	1,548		7,421
19 Wednesday	6,973	3,547	1,028	956		12,504
20 Thursday	---	1,377	557	344	309	2,587
21 Friday	---	5,089	2,689	1,933	443	10,154
22 Saturday						
23 Sunday						
24 Monday	---	5,685	2,263	2,158	914	11,020
25 Tuesday	---	3,280	1,404	1,941	1,152	7,777
26 Wednesday	---	3,396	1,509	1,366	794	7,065
27 Thursday	---	2,437	1,464	811	385	5,097
28 Friday	---	2,725	1,579	1,795	707	6,806
29 Saturday						
30 Sunday						
31 Monday						
Holiday Sunday						
Total						
May 1953	30,797	58,545	25,277	24,716	4,704	144,039
April 1953	86,886	51,177	18,996	11,455	---	168,514
May 1952	43,986	60,909	44,772	39,891	1,499	191,057

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	47,062	3,220	257	50,539
Saturday				
Sunday				
4	46,715	3,144	263	50,122
5	47,421	3,105	266	50,792
6	47,082	2,981	268	50,331
7	46,593	2,951	332	49,876
8	45,823	2,949	328	49,100
Saturday				
Sunday				
11	45,016	2,934	322	48,272
12	45,437	2,904	319	48,660
13	45,652	2,899	320	48,871
14	46,511	2,838	328	49,677
15	45,751	2,895	303	48,949
Saturday				
Sunday				
18	45,389	2,867	296	48,552
19	45,453	2,839	315	48,607
20	43,079	2,808	334	46,221
21	42,927	2,850	330	46,107
22	43,142	2,844	328	46,314
Saturday				
Sunday				
25	42,906	2,737	333	45,976
26	43,150	2,676	330	46,156
27	43,104	2,653	315	46,072
28	43,531	2,614	304	46,449
29	43,826	2,612	290	46,728
Holiday				
Sunday				

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	May	July	September	December	March	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	12,065	20,861	8,426	5,710		47,062
Saturday						
Sunday						
4	11,401	21,253	8,077	5,984		46,715
5	10,200	22,289	8,767	6,165		47,421
6	9,383	22,621	8,739	6,339		47,082
7	8,360	23,057	8,659	6,517		46,593
8	7,563	23,019	8,563	6,678		45,823
Saturday						
Sunday						
11	7,224	22,887	8,122	6,783		45,016
12	6,560	23,434	8,540	6,903		45,437
13	6,254	23,335	8,855	7,208		45,652
14	5,838	23,516	9,211	7,946		46,511
15	5,421	22,982	9,213	8,135		45,751
Saturday						
Sunday						
18	4,652	23,207	9,341	8,189		45,389
19	3,590	23,594	9,414	8,855		45,453
20	830	23,830	9,522	8,897		43,079
21	95	24,047	9,629	8,892	264	42,927
22	---	23,428	9,987	9,169	558	43,142
Saturday						
Sunday						
25	---	22,917	9,943	9,110	936	42,906
26	---	22,543	9,862	9,161	1,584	43,150
27	---	21,839	9,986	9,319	1,960	43,104
28	---	21,815	10,222	9,331	2,163	43,531
29	---	21,314	10,258	9,800	2,454	43,826
Holiday						
Sunday						

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg; and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency
May 1953

Date	1953 July future			Canadian Currency	
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg		
	Board of	Grain	Grain	Closing Quotation 2/	
	Trade	Exchange	Exchange		
1953 May	Cents	Cents	Cents 1/	Percent	
1	73 7/8-74	69 3/8 b	73 1/4 b	1 1/4	Premium
Saturday					
Sunday					
4	74 1/4-3/8	70 1/8 a	72 1/2	1 1/8	"
5	73 7/8-74	69 7/8 b	72 b	5/8	"
6	74-74 1/8	69 7/8 b	72 1/8 a	3/8	"
7	73-73 1/8	69 1/4	71 5/8 b	7/16	"
8	73 3/8-1/2	69 1/2	71 7/8	17/32	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
11	73-73 1/8	69 3/8 a	71 5/8	7/16	"
12	73 1/4-3/8	69 1/2	71 3/4	13/32	"
13	73-73 1/4	69 1/4	71 1/2	11/32	"
14	73 5/8-3/4	69 5/8 b	71 5/8 b	5/16	"
15	73 3/8-1/2	69 5/8	71 5/8 a	5/16	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
18	73 5/8-3/4	69 3/4 a	Holiday	7/16	"
19	73 1/4-3/8	69 1/8 b	71 7/8 b	17/32	"
20	73 1/8-1/2	68 1/4	71 3/4 b	5/8	"
21	73-73 1/8	68 3/4	71 3/4 a	9/16	"
22	71 1/2-5/8	67 5/8 b	70 3/8	21/32	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
25	69 1/4-3/8	65 1/2	69 1/8 b	19/32	"
26	70 1/8-1/4	66 1/8 b	70 b	3/4	"
27	69 3/4-7/8	65 3/4	70 1/8	23/32	"
28	70 1/8-1/4	66	70 1/2	13/16	"
29	70 1/8-1/4	66 1/4	70 1/2 b	7/8	"
Holiday					
Sunday					

1/ Quotations converted into U. S. currency.

2/ Basis for converting closing prices on foreign markets into U. S. value.

NOTE: Canadian currency quotations furnished by a large Chicago bank.

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	: Chicago :: Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: : Total
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1953				
May				
1	4,163	54	18	4,235
Saturday				
Sunday				
4	4,108	23	6	4,137
5	3,058	44	6	3,108
6	2,808	12	6	2,826
7	4,597	102	11	4,710
8	4,401	76	2	4,479
Saturday				
Sunday				
11	3,729	17	12	3,758
12	3,111	31	13	3,155
13	3,002	72	20	3,094
14	2,679	28	16	2,723
15	1,086	7	5	1,098
Saturday				
Sunday				
18	1,289	11	3	1,303
19	1,029	12	6	1,047
20	2,309	12	8	2,329
21	984	16	1	1,001
22	4,074	26	19	4,119
Saturday				
Sunday				
25	4,369	116	17	4,502
26	3,307	52	7	3,366
27	4,606	43	7	4,656
28	4,703	80	45	4,828
29	5,384	63	24	5,471
Holiday				
Sunday				
Total				
May 1953	68,796	897	252	69,945
April 1953	68,975	1,841	287	71,103
May 1952	50,078	1,565	459	52,102

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	May	July	September	December	
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
May					
1	1,432	1,690	446	595	4,163
Saturday					
Sunday					
4	1,184	1,622	843	459	4,108
5	762	1,689	455	152	3,058
6	690	1,312	565	241	2,808
7	1,008	2,511	782	296	4,597
8	945	2,215	606	635	4,401
Saturday					
Sunday					
11	500	2,043	956	230	3,729
12	437	1,591	545	538	3,111
13	177	1,953	563	309	3,002
14	118	1,537	725	299	2,679
15	82	600	275	129	1,086
Saturday					
Sunday					
18	128	786	287	88	1,289
19	163	637	175	54	1,029
20	604	1,250	385	70	2,309
21	---	592	261	131	984
22	---	2,299	1,330	445	4,074
Saturday					
Sunday					
25	---	2,292	1,492	585	4,369
26	---	1,585	975	747	3,307
27	---	2,326	1,477	803	4,606
28	---	2,392	1,287	1,024	4,703
29	---	2,789	1,671	924	5,384
Holiday					
Sunday					
Total					
May 1953	8,230	35,711	16,101	8,754	68,796
April 1953	27,273	29,914	10,093	1,695	68,975
May 1952	10,262	22,220	14,475	3,121	50,078

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
May 1953

Date	: Chicago : Board of : Trade	: Minneapolis : Grain : Exchange	: Other : contract : markets	: : Total
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>May</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	19,128	390	64	19,582
Saturday				
Sunday				
4	18,348	383	65	18,796
5	18,166	394	64	18,624
6	18,156	393	64	18,613
7	17,813	376	68	18,257
8	17,577	336	69	17,982
Saturday				
Sunday				
11	17,861	335	74	18,270
12	18,437	337	78	18,852
13	18,947	343	70	19,360
14	18,761	350	76	19,187
15	18,586	339	72	18,997
Saturday				
Sunday				
18	18,777	346	73	19,196
19	18,920	342	75	19,337
20	19,359	352	79	19,790
21	19,123	351	80	19,554
22	18,953	347	85	19,385
Saturday				
Sunday				
25	18,714	349	75	19,138
26	18,846	350	75	19,271
27	18,686	340	72	19,098
28	18,414	354	65	18,833
29	18,122	344	52	18,518
Holiday				
Sunday				

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	May	July	September	December	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1	3,105	11,752	3,293	978	19,128
Saturday					
Sunday					
4	2,441	11,675	3,117	1,115	18,348
5	1,887	12,020	3,154	1,105	18,166
6	1,447	12,357	3,174	1,178	18,156
7	1,229	12,262	3,049	1,273	17,813
8	886	12,267	2,992	1,432	17,577
Saturday					
Sunday					
11	601	12,623	3,157	1,480	17,861
12	525	12,925	3,225	1,762	18,437
13	402	13,510	3,221	1,814	18,947
14	322	13,268	3,342	1,829	18,761
15	239	13,246	3,329	1,772	18,586
Saturday					
Sunday					
18	226	13,434	3,318	1,799	18,777
19	191	13,591	3,328	1,810	18,920
20	364	13,819	3,373	1,803	19,359
21	20	13,930	3,364	1,809	19,123
22	---	13,672	3,353	1,928	18,953
Saturday					
Sunday					
25	---	13,427	3,308	1,979	18,714
26	---	13,215	3,600	2,031	18,846
27	---	12,903	3,640	2,143	18,686
28	---	12,451	3,753	2,210	18,414
29	---	11,948	3,976	2,198	18,122
Holiday					
Sunday					

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
May 1953

		1953 July future		
Date		Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg
		Board of	Grain	Grain
		Trade	Exchange	Exchange
1953				
May		Cents	Cents	Cents 1/
1		162 1/4-1/2	153 3/4	147 7/8
Saturday				
Sunday				
4		163 1/2	155 1/4	149 1/2-5/8
5		162 3/4	155 3/8 a	149 1/8-1/4
6		161 3/4-62	154 1/4 a	148 3/8
7		159-59 1/4	151 3/4 a	147 1/8 b
8		159 1/2-3/4	152 a	146 3/4
Saturday				
Sunday				
11		157 1/2-5/8	150 b	145 3/4 b
12		158-58 1/4	150 7/8 a	146 3/8-5/8
13		157	150	145 1/4-3/8
14		158 3/4-59	151 1/2 b	146 3/4
15		158 1/2	151 1/2	146 1/2
Saturday				
Sunday				
18		159	151 3/4 b	Holiday
19		159 1/4	151 3/4 a	147 1/4
20		158	151 1/2 a	146 7/8 b
21		158 1/4-1/2	151 3/4	146 3/8 b
22		155 1/2-3/4	149 1/4 b	143 1/2 a
Saturday				
Sunday				
25		150 3/4-51 1/8	145 a	139 1/8-1/4
26		150 1/4-1/2	143 3/4 b	139 1/2
27		147-47 1/4	140 b	137
28		144 1/4	137 1/4 a	135 1/8
29		143 1/4-1/2	136 b	134 1/4
Holiday				
Sunday				

1/Quotations converted into U. S. currency.

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, open contracts, and daily closing prices of May future, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	1953 May future		
	Volume of trading:	Open contracts	Closing prices
1953 May	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents
1	---	300	280b-93a
Saturday			
Sunday			
4	---	300	285b-98a
5	---	---	285b-95a
6	---	---	285b-95a
7	---	---	280b-95a
8	---	---	280b
Saturday			
Sunday			
11	---	---	280b-95a
12	---	---	280b-93a
13	---	---	280b-93a
14	---	---	281b-93a
15	---	---	281b-93a
Saturday			
Sunday			
18	---	---	295a
19	---	---	285b
20	---	---	285n
21	---	---	---
22	---	---	---
Saturday			
Sunday			
25	---	---	---
26	---	---	---
27	---	---	---
28	---	---	---
29	---	---	---
Holiday			
Sunday			
Total			
May 1953	---		
April 1953	---		
May 1952	32,200		

Table 25. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future							All futures
	May	July	August	September	November	January	March	
1953 May	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1	3,911	5,321		955	1,134	207		11,528
Saturday								
Sunday								
4	1,981	3,234		447	703	298		6,663
5	3,290	5,569		770	1,203	183		11,015
6	3,056	4,592		560	410	180		8,798
7	5,314	9,527		1,911	1,630	397		18,779
8	2,840	5,273		987	682	244		10,026
Saturday								
Sunday								
11	2,201	4,731		952	765	175		8,824
12	3,739	7,128		1,198	1,147	372		13,584
13	5,574	6,549		1,335	899	485		14,842
14	4,784	7,889		2,554	1,647	1,015		17,889
15	2,702	3,683		880	894	267		8,426
Saturday								
Sunday								
18	2,546	4,024	5	497	547	93		7,712
19	4,676	4,840	---	768	911	193		11,388
20	10,975	7,239	---	1,032	1,051	449		20,746
21	---	3,549	100	694	1,107	1,719	1,305	8,474
22	---	12,178	15	1,932	2,454	1,050	438	18,067
Saturday								
Sunday								
25	---	11,380	30	3,212	2,886	1,066	434	19,008
26	---	7,916	---	2,287	2,490	805	800	14,298
27	---	10,714	---	3,265	2,155	846	321	17,301
28	---	7,991	30	2,477	1,677	1,007	789	13,971
29	---	8,575	---	3,213	2,239	1,137	761	15,925
Holiday								
Sunday								
Total								
May 1953	57,589	141,902	180	31,926	28,631	12,188	4,848	277,264
Apr. 1953	116,686	95,378	---	16,946	16,472	3,756	---	249,238
May 1952	53,638	133,925	---	35,216	23,372	6,795	714	253,660

NOTE: Trading in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during May 1953 amounted to approximately 98 percent of all trading in this commodity.

Table 26. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
May 1953

Date	Future							All futures
	May	July	August	September	November	January	March	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
May	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
1	11,857	18,782		5,487	6,443	2,279		44,848
Saturday								
Sunday								
4	11,668	19,104		5,483	6,612	2,328		45,195
5	11,349	19,542		5,592	7,129	2,440		46,052
6	10,777	19,568		5,644	7,075	2,346		45,410
7	9,339	19,820		5,767	7,001	2,434		44,361
8	9,082	20,020		5,876	7,205	2,450		44,633
Saturday								
Sunday								
11	9,053	20,017		5,864	7,247	2,452		44,633
12	8,630	19,934		5,878	7,354	2,579		44,375
13	7,799	19,874		5,788	7,543	2,785		43,789
14	7,347	20,245		6,028	7,845	3,327		44,792
15	7,021	20,367		6,028	8,174	3,373		44,963
Saturday								
Sunday								
18	6,696	20,545	5	6,029	8,164	3,390		44,829
19	5,445	20,522	5	5,956	7,998	3,461		43,387
20	435	20,906	5	6,007	7,964	3,568		38,885
21	345	21,336	105	6,021	8,012	4,836	1,300	41,955
22	220	21,866	120	6,242	8,394	5,546	1,683	44,071
Saturday								
Sunday								
25	145	21,294	150	6,266	8,325	5,698	2,052	43,930
26	145	21,089	150	6,297	8,650	5,806	2,504	44,641
27	120	21,725	150	6,723	8,891	5,797	2,625	46,031
28	115	21,564	180	6,351	8,770	6,143	3,142	46,265
29	---	21,128	180	6,357	9,112	6,455	3,617	46,849
Holiday								
Sunday								

NOTE: Open contracts in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during the month of May 1953 accounted for over 99 percent of all futures contracts outstanding in this commodity.

Table 27. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, May 1953

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